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**EXPRESS MAIL LABEL: EV306256360US  
PATENT**

**DOCKET NO.: D1815-00099**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re patent application of: Mark C. Caron

Serial No: not assigned

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For: A Reusable Vacuum Bag and Methods of its Use

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**PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Transmitted herewith for filing, please find the following:

**Type of Application:**

- ☒ [X] Utility (non-provisional)
- ☐ [ ] Divisional
- ☐ [ ] Continuation
- ☐ [ ] Continuation-In-Part (CIP)

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**Incorporation by Reference:**

☐ The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the Oath or Declaration is supplied, is considered to be part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference herein (37 CFR § 1.63(d))

**Benefit of Prior U.S. Application(s) Claimed (37 CFR § 1.78):**

☐ PLEASE ENTER THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION UNDER THE CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS SECTION:

☐ This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No(s).

60/\_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ This application is a ☐ continuation ☐ continuation-in-part ☐ divisional of copending U.S. Application Serial No(s). \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and which designated the U.S.

**Benefit of Prior Foreign Application(s):**

☐ Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ [COUNTRY].

☐ A Certified Copy of each of the following application(s) for which priority is claimed:

Country	Application No.	Filing Date

☐ is enclosed.

☐ has been filed in prior Application Serial No. 0/\_\_\_\_\_, which was filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Application Elements Enclosed:**

- ☒ 24 Pages of Specification
- ☒ 5 Pages of Claims
- ☒ 5 Sheets of Drawings
- ☒ Formal
- ☐ Informal
- ☐ Petition to Accept Photographs (*37 CFR § 1.84(b)*).
- ☒ 1 Page of Abstract of the Disclosure

**Accompanying Application Parts:**

- ☐ Associate Power of Attorney
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☒ Form PTO 1449 (PTO/SB/08A, 08B)
- ☐ Copies of Cited References
- ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (*37 CFR §§ 1.821-1.825*).
- ☐ Microfiche (Appendix) (*37 CFR § 1.96(c)*).
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (itemized)

**Declaration or Oath and Power of Attorney:**

- ☒ New (executed original or copy).
- ☐ New (unexecuted).
- ☐ Copy from prior application (*37 CFR § 1.63(d)*)

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**Deletion of Inventor(s) (37 CFR § 1.63(d)(2), 1.33(b)):**

☐ Signed Statement deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application is attached.

**Assignment:**

☒ An executed Assignment of the invention to: Saint Gobain Technical Fabrics

**Small Entity Statements:**

☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 §§ CFR 1.9 and 1.27.

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INDEP. CLAIMS	<u>6</u> - 3 =	<u>3</u>	x 43 =	\$	<u>OR</u>	x 86 =	\$258
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)			+145 =	\$	<u>OR</u>	+290 =	\$-0-
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☒ Filing fees (37 CFR § 1.16(a), (f) or (g)).

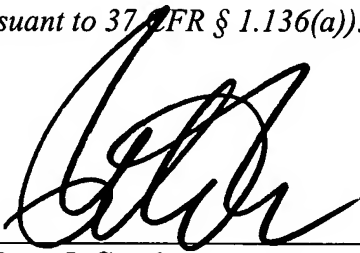
☒ Presentation of extra claims (37 CFR § 1.16(b), (c) and (d)).

☒ Surcharge for filing the basic filing fee and/or declaration later than the filing date of the application (37 CFR § 1.16(e)).

☒ 37 CFR §§ 1.17(a)(1)-(5) (*Extension fees pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a)*).

☒ Application processing fees (37 CFR § 1.17).

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